Dear Wild Goose Chase Riders:

**PLEASE READ THIS ENTIRE EPISTLE BEFORE YOU LEAVE HOME FOR THE RIDE**

**Registration** is at the Education Building – 2435 Key Wallace Drive, Cambridge if using GPS. 1.5 miles east of Blackwater Visitor Center if following road Signs. From Hwy 50, east on 16 at Walmart (Church Creek Rd), left on Egypt Road right (just past the High School), left on Key Wallace, then .4 miles to Wildlife Drive on right if using a map. You will see the Ed Building and large tents.

Saturday 7:30 – 1:30 for people attending Saturday activities. 2:00 – 6:00 for everyone else. Sunday 6:30 – 10:00

**Routes**

Attached are route maps and cue sheets for 4 ride lengths.  Print out this information sheet and any route maps and cue sheets you think you might need before leaving home. You are not restricted to the route you signed up for, but we are saving money and will NOT have extra route maps, cue sheets, or this information sheet.

There is a free account with RidewithGPS.com if you want to use a mobile device.  Sign up, then search 2019 Wild Goose Chase.

Note that if you plan to ride the longest ride of about 60 miles, there are two routes. We will not know until the morning of the ride which one will be used, so please bring both, and check in at the Ed Building Sunday morning to find out which one to use.  YOU do not choose which route to use, WE do and there will be no support on the one not used. It’s a water on the road thing.

If you signed up for the 10 mile ride, you will get your directions when you register.

**Route Marking**

Routes will be marked this year with signs along the road.  There are a lot of rides and races in the area which were marked with tape and not removed, so we will NOT be using tape on the road. Use your cue sheets for approximate distances (not all odometers are calibrated exactly) and then look for WGC signs at or before intersections. Routes will be designated by color at intersections where routes diverge. Where everyone on the road goes the same way, the arrows will be black. Your color should match the wristband you choose when you register.

**Rest Stops**

Note on your maps and cue sheets where to look for rest stops where you will find snacks, Gatorade, and water. You may not start before 7 am. Plan to start so that you get to the rest stops when they are open and get to lunch on time. Rest stops are all just off the road down non- paved lanes, so feel free to take a saddle break and walk your bikes to the stops. The entrances will be marked with balloons.

Gooties Marine – for the 60 mile ride- if using the NO WATER ON ROAD route  8:00 – 10:00
Water stop – if it is hot, there will be a water only stop on Smithville Road about 10 miles from the start of the 30 and 40 mile rides. Not attended. No food. No toilet. Look for balloons and orange cooler.

Madison – for 60, 40, and 30 mile rides – 8:30 – 11:30

Ed Building – for the 60 mile ride – if using the WATER ON ROAD route – 9:00-1:30

Egypt Road – for 60, 40 and 20 mile rides – 9:00 – 12:00

Tudor Farms – for 60 mile ride – 10:15 – 12:30

**SAG Wagons**

There will be SAG vehicles on the roads on all routes. They will be equipped with first aid kits and water and may or may not be able to carry bikes, but will be able to get more help if needed. Cell phone coverage is spotty on some parts of the ride so the Easton Ham Radio Club will also be on hand at the rest stops and on the road to help with emergencies. I will be at the Ed building all day – texting will be the best option to reach me – 443-521-5894.

**Lunch**

At the Ed Building 12:00 – 3:00 on Sunday

**50/50 raffle** – bring cash – no checks or Credit Cards for the raffle tickets. You do not have to be present to win. Drawing at 2:00 on Sunday

**Silent Auction** will be open – Closes at 2:00 Sunday cash or Credit Card ok.

**Parking on Sunday Morning**

In the Maintenance area across Key Wallace Drive from the start of the Wildlife Drive. If that area fills up, you may be directed elsewhere. Watch for signs and people directing parking. Parking will be tight, so please follow directions.

**Saturday activities**

**Lunch**

11:00-1:00 Eat before or after your activity. If you have extra time, visit the Blackwater Visitor Center (1.5 miles) and or the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Visitor Center (2.5 miles)

**Parking**

In the Maintenance area across Key Wallace Drive from the start of the Wildlife Drive unless otherwise directed. Please park so that we can get the maximum number of cars in the space.

**Nature Rides**

Meet Sue at the Ed Building. Prepare to ride slowly and stop often. Binoculars will be provided if needed. You will have the option at the end of the Wildlife Drive (about 4 miles) to continue to the Blackwater Visitor Center, the Tubman Visitor Center or return with Sue back along the Wildlife Drive.
Basic Mechanics

Stays at the Ed Building – do not bring bikes. Instructors will address questions about your bike after the session.

What is it?

Meet Ellie at the Ed Building. Bring your bikes. You will ride to the Woods Trail Road and then on to the Visitor Center, and back to the Ed Building – about 6 miles total.

Reception 4pm-6pm at the Ed Building

Vendors will be at the Education Building

If you have questions, ask, don’t guess. If you call and want me to call back, leave a message.

Look forward to seeing you,

Kit
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